10 Sending special messenges via Inmarsat-C

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Description

Short text messages can be sent by Inmarsat to the ARCS communication base station. Messages about (a) information on system configuration changes, (b) logistic messages, (c) emergencies can be easily transmitted.

When these messages are received at the Inmarsat base station, they are incorporated into the daily GOES/Inmarsat-C report. Text messages can be sent using this procedure without disrupting the normal Macs functions. Macs takes data from the network during minutes 2-5, 22-25, and 42-45. It is less confusing to send messages when Macs is not collecting data.

Procedure [1.] Press F3 for the address menu and select address 0, exp center.

[2.] Press <esc> to escape from the query menu.

[3.] Press <alt>-F7.

[4.] Select 1, send message.

[5.] Enter the message as a single line.

[6.] Press <return> to send the message.

[7.] Observe the COMS screen to be sure the message was sent. The packet is on the screen with a "message sent" text. The radio send light will be flashing.